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**STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECORDS CUSTODIAN
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REGARDING RELEASE OF DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FILE ON
CRANDON SHOOTING INVESTIGATION**

The Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation ("DCI") investigation relating to the shooting deaths that occurred early in the morning of Sunday, October 7, 2007, in Crandon, Wisconsin and related matters occurring in the hours following that incident has concluded. This case file has been closed. Further, the Forest County District Attorney has concluded that no criminal charges will be filed in connection with this investigation. Recognizing the great public interest in information regarding this investigation, copies of the DCI file have been prepared for immediate public release.

The DCI file is being made available in two formats, each containing identical substantive information. Copies of the DCI file are available in paper format, with a companion computer disk containing digital photo and audio files. Copies of the DCI file also are available in digital format on computer disk, with the same companion computer disk containing digital photo and audio files.

In preparing the DCI file for widespread release, I have been mindful of both the great public interest in this matter and the interests of and the losses suffered by the loved ones of those who died as well as the surviving victim. Certain information has been redacted from the file prepared for release today, as required by law or for the other reasons that follow.

- Graphic information about the injuries suffered by the shooting victims has been redacted out of respect for their privacy and that of their loved ones. The released file includes general information about the nature of the victims' injuries and the condition of the Crandon crime scene. More personal and graphic information, such as autopsy photographs, summaries of autopsy proceedings, toxicology results, and detailed descriptions of injuries, has been redacted.
- Graphic information about the injuries suffered by Mr. Peterson has been redacted in respect for the privacy of his loved ones, and because no positive public interest

would be served by release. Extensive investigative information about Mr. Peterson's injuries and their causes is included in the file released today. Investigative information about autopsy results, except for unrelated medical information, and toxicology results also is included in the released file.

- Interior photographs from the Crandon crime scene have been redacted. I have determined that any public interest in these photographs is outweighed by the privacy interests of the victims who died or were injured there, and their loved ones. Representative exterior photographs are included in the released file, as is substantial narrative description of the crime scene.
- Certain photographs from the Argonne cabin where Tyler Peterson spent several hours after the Crandon shooting, and the location nearby where he eventually took his own life, have been redacted. Exterior photographs are included in the release, including aerial photographs taken by the State Patrol. Graphic photographs of Mr. Peterson after his death have been redacted. Interior photographs of the cabin, which remains a private home and which do not have significant relevance in the events leading to Mr. Peterson's death, have been redacted out of respect for the privacy of the people who live there.
- Information that is confidential by law, or that, if disclosed, might facilitate improper use or identity theft, has been redacted.
- Personal telephone numbers and home addresses of individuals identified in the file as victims, family members, witnesses, emergency medical providers, law enforcement officers, or otherwise relevant persons have been redacted to protect the privacy and/or safety of those persons. Certain personal telephone numbers that appear in publicly filed search warrants have not been redacted. Certain home addresses that are obvious from the context of particular records have not been redacted, or have been redacted only in part. Business addresses and contact information generally have not been redacted, except for certain confidential law enforcement information.
- Information about confidential law enforcement investigative technologies and equipment that would be rendered ineffective if made public, such as the specific duty weapons carried by law enforcement officers and certain law enforcement communications mechanisms, has been redacted.
- Information that would identify members of "SWAT" teams, "SRT" teams or "tactical teams" has been redacted along with certain details about how these teams operate. Releasing this information would undermine the ability of these teams to operate safely and effectively in situations posing significant threats to public safety, including national security situations. Further, the release of this information may endanger individuals performing these dangerous duties.

- Certain rumors or uncorroborated personal information about persons mentioned and thus contained in the DCI file, implicating reputational interests but of little or no significance to the DCI investigation or its conclusions, has been redacted to protect the privacy of those persons. I have determined that the privacy interests of those persons outweigh any public interest in the release of this information.
- Certain information obtained by search warrants served on telephone numbers of the victims, Mr. Peterson and another person, is not included in the released file. The information consists of telephone call records, voicemail recordings, and text messages; prior notice and expiration of an appeal period is required by Wis. Stat. § 19.356(2)(a)2. before this type of information can be released.
- Certain medical information, the release of which would be prohibited by health care records privacy statutes or in which the same public policies underlying those statutes create a compelling privacy interest, has been redacted.
- Audio recordings of certain miscellaneous telephone calls to law enforcement, previously unreleased, are included in the DCI file released today. Audio recordings of 911 calls previously released by the Department of Justice are not included in the DCI file released today, nor is the recording of the "victim's family call" which the Department previously has declined to release. Certain other audio recordings, either transcribed or exhaustively summarized in reports included in the DCI file, also have been omitted from today's release.
- Computer discs containing archived images of computer hard drives gained in the course of this investigation, made by use of proprietary software without which the discs cannot be accessed, are not included in the released file.

Release of the DCI file today is not intended to be a full or partial response to any public records request concerning the Crandon homicides and subsequent events on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Materials released today are being made available at no cost to those receiving them as a release of materials. The Department of Justice intends to respond individually to formal public records requests made to the agency as soon as practicable, and without delay.

Future requests for any remaining paper or digital copies of the Division of Criminal Investigation file may be requested through the Public Records Custodian as outlined in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Public Records Notice.